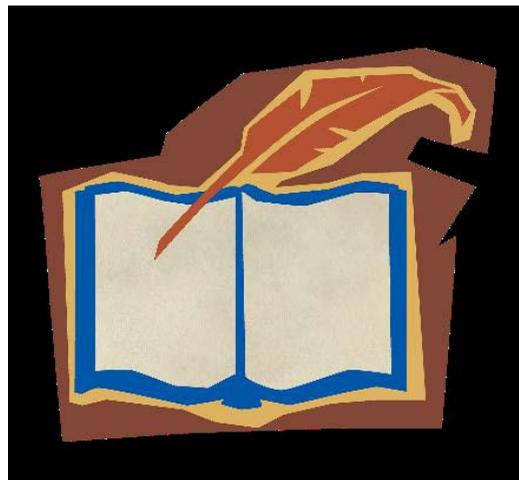


Sunday Worship
Bulletin
**Twenty-Sixth
Sunday After
Pentecost**

10:00 a.m.

November 18, 2018



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---- *Missouri Synod* ----

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WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD!

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35



The Order of Holy Communion – Setting One

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

AS WE GATHER

As the Church Year is approaching its close, we turn our focus to the last things. The very last thing that we confess in the Apostles' Creed is that we believe in the life everlasting. In Revelation, John describes the heavenly city of God and tells us that the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Brilliant brightness has always been associated with the seeing of God, from the time when Moses had to veil his face because it reflected the dazzling presence of the almighty Lord. As we come into His presence for worship, we have a partial sense of that glory as we await that time beyond time, when we shall experience it fully in the life everlasting in His heavenly kingdom.

✠ PRELUDE

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ OPENING HYMN NO. **515**: *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"*

Confession and Absolution

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✠ INTROIT (Sung by the Choir)

The one who endures | to the end*
will | be saved.

Let Mount Zion | be glad!*

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your | judgments!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,

that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and | ever.*

He will guide us for- | ever.

(Sung by All)

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Service of the Word

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Kyrie

This Is the Feast

† SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Be Seated)

† OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 12:1–3

(Those who are named in the Book of Life will be delivered.)

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

† GRADUAL: *(Sung by All)*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

† EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:11-25 *(The Lord will not remember the sins of the faithful anymore.)*

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

We Stand and sing the Alleluia (Page 156)

✠ HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:1–13 *(The one who stands firm to the end will be saved.)*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

C (sung): Glory to You, O Lord.

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!" And Jesus said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" And Jesus began to say to them, "See that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

"But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C (sung): Praise to You, O Christ.

(Be Seated)

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **508**: *"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"*

✠ SERMON: *"The Signs of the Times "* Mark 13:1-13

(Please Stand)

✠ NICENE CREED (page 158)

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, the gathering of God's forgiven people, that we be of support and encouragement to one another as we await the day of the Lord's return, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

P: For our nation, our state, our local community, and our neighborhoods, that justice prevail in our courts and in all centers of government as we await the day of the final judgment, that we lead lives that are peaceful and secure, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

P: For those who bear the responsibilities of being leaders in the Church, especially Dr. Matthew Harrison, our Synod president; Rev. Timothy Yeadon, our district president; and Rev. Jonathan Manor, our circuit visitor, that they find support and joy in their service, and that many young men and women would be led into vocations of service in the Church, encouraged by our prayers and our gifts, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

P: For those with special need for our petitions in these times as the day of Christ's return draws ever closer, including the sick and hospitalized, the shut-ins, those facing challenges in employment or in other parts of their lives, that their needs be met according to God's gracious plan, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

P: For the proper use of the good gifts God has granted us, that we be thankful for all that we need to support our lives, that we be of blessing to our families, our neighbors, and our communities, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

P: As we join in prayer, we thank You, Lord, for the faithful witness left to us by Your saints, those we have known personally in our lives and those from times past whose witness continues to inspire and inform us. Grant that Your Holy Spirit lead us in ways of peace as we await the resurrection of the body and the glory of the life everlasting.

C: Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

C: Amen.

Offering

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS
Choir Anthem: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings"

(Please Stand and Sing Offertory Page 159)

Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)

At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Assistant comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte. If you are not a member of this congregation or a sister congregation within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, it is suggested that you speak to the Pastor before partaking of Holy Communion.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **619**: "Thy Body, given for Me, O Savior"

**At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with
THANK THE LORD on p. 165**

✠ CLOSING HYMN NO. **708**: "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

✠ SILENT PRAYER

✠ POSTLUDE

SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Lay Assistants – Dan Provost & William
Schneeloch

Lay Reader – Erika Slozak

Acolytes – Alex Provost & Mason Quinn

Director of Music – Jeff Windoloski

Altar Care – Matt Talmadge

THE FLOWERS in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Albert and Amelia Ferst.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS to adorn our altar for Christmas. Order forms are on the round table in the foyer. See Jane for any questions.

GREAT HOSTESS GIFT IDEAS: The Youth Group has the following fundraisers which make wonderful gifts to give to those hosting your family on Thanksgiving. See Jane McClure.

2019 SCRIPTURE CALENDARS \$8.00 each

2019 SCRIPTURE POCKET CALENDARS \$5.00 each

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT DINNER will be held next Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. The menu for the evening will be chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, and fabulous homemade desserts. If you would to attend there are sign-up sheets in the foyer. Hosts/Hostesses are needed. If you have any questions, please speak to Linda Slozak or Jane McClure.